

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 9/30/2019

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

## 1. (a) Name of Registrant

Blue Star Strategies, LLC

## (b) Registration No.

6587

## (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

888 17th St. NW

Suite 800

Washington, DC 20006

## 2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

## (a) If an individual:

- |                           |                              |                             |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

## (b) If an organization:

- |                          |                              |                                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

## (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.Yes ☒ No ☐If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes ☐ No ☒Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

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III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

For the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, we conducted meetings with and e-mailed information to Members of Congress and officials within the Executive Branch, as detailed in the information materials we have filed.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

For the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, we conducted meetings with and e-mailed information to Members of Congress and officials within the Executive Branch, as detailed in the information materials we have filed.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

**IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
05/08/2019	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd	Monthly retainer plus reimbursement of expenses	\$24,935.00
06/28/2019	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd	Monthly retainer plus reimbursement of expenses	\$24,935.00
09/03/2019	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd	Monthly retainer plus reimbursement of expenses	\$20,922.50
			\$70,792.50
			Total

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

We only collected monies due to our firm for professional services rendered and reimbursement of business expenses incurred.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
04/29/2019	\$1000	Tom Malinowski for Congress	Online contribution
06/01/2019	\$1000	Friends of Gina Raimondo	Online contribution
06/21/20019	\$2000	Rep. Josh Gottheimer	Online contribution
07/09/2019	\$500	Donna Shalala for Congress	Online contribution
09/28/2019	\$135	Jessica Holmes for NC Commissioner of Labor	Online contribution

10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams  
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☒ Pamphlets or other publications ☒ Lectures or speeches  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- ☒ Email  
☐ Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☒ Public officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries  
☒ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions  
☒ Government agencies ☒ Civic groups or associations ☒ Nationality groups  
☒ Other (specify) think tanks

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.



**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)January 24, 2020/s/ Karen TramontanoeSigned

<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

<u>Communication Type</u>	<u>US Stakeholder Engaged</u>	<u>Date of</u>	<u>Substantive Detail/Meeting Attendees</u>
Meeting	Congress: Rep. Spanberger staff	4/3/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	Congress: Rep. Houlahan staff	4/3/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	Congress: Rep. Lowey staff	4/3/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	State Department: SCA DAS David J. Ranz	4/4/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	State Department: DRL DAS Michael Kelleher	4/4/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	Congress: Rep. Wagner staff	4/4/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	Congress: House Committee on Appropriations staff	4/4/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	Congress: Sen. Markey staff	4/4/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	Congress: Rep. Frankel staff	4/4/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Meeting	NSC: Lisa Curtis	4/5/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Thank you notes	Congress meetings	4/9/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Thank you notes	Congress meetings	4/12/2019	Former Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairman Shelby	4/18/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Foreign Assistance to Bangladesh / Congressional Appropriations
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Vice Chairman Leahy	4/18/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Foreign Assistance to Bangladesh / Congressional Appropriations
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairman Graham	4/18/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Foreign Assistance to Bangladesh / Congressional Appropriations
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Ranking Member Granger	4/18/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Foreign Assistance to Bangladesh / Congressional Appropriations
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Ranking Member Rogers	4/18/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Foreign Assistance to Bangladesh / Congressional Appropriations
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairwoman Lowey	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Foreign Assistance to Bangladesh / Congressional Appropriations
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairman Risch	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Ranking Member Menendez	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairman Engel	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Ranking Member McCaul	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairman Romney	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Ranking Member Murphy	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Chairman Sherman	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email PDF Attachment / hand delivered	Congress: Ranking Member Yoho	4/24/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Bangladesh Election Investigation
Email	NSC; State Department; Congress, USAID	4/29/2019	Newsletter update "Topline News on Bangladesh"
Email PDF Attachment	Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; State Department SCA/DRL staff	5/29/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Madame Zia imprisonment
Email PDF Attachment	Congress: staff	6/17/2019	Signed Letter from BNP Secretary General on: Madame Zia imprisonment
Meeting	Congress: House Committee on Foreign Affairs staff	7/23/2019	Tabith Awal, BNP
Meeting	NDI	7/23/2019	Tabith Awal, BNP
Meeting	State Department: SCA; Incoming US Embassy Dhaka Political-Economic Counselor	7/24/2019	Tabith Awal, BNP
Meeting	Congress: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations staff	7/24/2019	Tabith Awal, BNP
Meeting/Briefing	USIP, NED, NDI, IRI	7/24/2019	Tabith Awal, BNP
Email	NSC; State Department; Congress, USAID	7/29/2019	Newsletter update "Topline News on Bangladesh"

Email	NSC; State Department; Congress, USAID	8/1/2019	Newsletter update "Topline News on Bangladesh"
Email PDF Attachment	State Department: DRL/SCA	8/29/2019	BNP Policy Statement: Plight of the Rohingya and Role of Bangladesh
Email + PDF Attachment	NSC; State Department; Congress, USAID	9/3/2019	Newsletter update "Topline News on Bangladesh" + BNP Policy Statement: Plight of the Rohingya and Role of Bangladesh
Email	NSC; State Department; Congress, USAID	9/5/2019	Newsletter update "Topline News on Bangladesh"
Meeting	State Department: SCA/Bangladesh Country Officer	9/13/2019	Jeremiah Baronberg/Sean Moffatt
Meeting	Congress: Rep. Andy Levin	9/26/2019	Amir Khosru & Humaiun Kobir
Meeting	Congress: Senator Ed Markey staff	9/26/2019	Amir Khosru & Humaiun Kobir
Meeting	Congress: House Foreign Affairs Committee staff	9/27/2019	Amir Khosru & Humaiun Kobir
Meeting	Congress: Senator Chris Coons staff	9/27/2019	Amir Khosru & Humaiun Kobir
Email	State Department: DRL/SCA	Daily/ongoing	Daily News Clips